

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

Please cancel claims 13, 15-16, and 18-22 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications directed to the canceled subject matter.

Please add new claims 23-28 :

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

Claim 14. (pending) A method for reducing apolipoprotein B production comprising

providing an apolipoprotein reducing amount of a polymethoxyflavone selected from the group consisting of limocitrin-3,7,4'-trimethylether (5-hydroxy-3,7,8,3',4'-pentamethoxyflavone), limocitrin-3,5,7,4'-tetramethylether (5-hydroxy-3,7,8,3',4'-hexamethoxyflavone), limocitrin-3,5,7,4'-tetraethylether (8,3-dimethoxy-3,5,7,4'-tetraethoxyflavone), limocitrin-3,7,4'-trimethylether-5-acetate, and mixtures thereof.

Claims 15 and 16. (canceled)

Claim 17. (pending) A composition for reducing apolipoprotein B

production comprising an apolipoprotein B reducing amount of a polymethoxyflavone selected from the group consisting of limocitrin-3,7,4'-trimethylether (5-hydroxy-3,7,8,3',4'-pentamethoxyflavone), limocitrin-3,5,7,4'-tetramethylether (5-hydroxy-3,7,8,3',4'-hexamethoxyflavone), limocitrin-3,5,7,4'-tetraethylether (8,3-dimethoxy-3,5,7,4'-tetraethoxyflavone), limocitrin-3,7,4'-trimethylether-5-acetate, and mixtures thereof.

Claims 18-22 (canceled).

--23. (Newly added) A method for reducing apolipoprotein B production comprising

providing an apolipoprotein B reducing amount of a polymethoxyflavone selected from the group consisting of sinensetin, tetra-O-methyl-scutellarein, 5-desmethylsinensetin and mixtures thereof.--

--24. (Newly added) A method for reducing apolipoprotein B production comprising

providing an apolipoprotein B reducing amount of a polymethoxyflavone selected from the group consisting of 5-desmethylnobiletin (5-hydroxy-7,7,8,3',4'-pentamethoxyflavone),

tetra-O-methylisoscutearein (5,7,8,4'-tetramethoxyflavone), sinensetin (5,6,7,3',4'-[pentamethoxyflavone), 5-desmethylinensetin (5-hydroxy-6,7,3',4-tetramethoxyflavone), quercetin tetramethylether (5-hydroxy-3,7,3',4'-tetramethoxyflavone), quercetin-3,5-dimethylether-7,3',4'-tribenzyl ether, quercetin pentamethylether (3,5,7,3',4'-pentamethoxyflavone), quercetin-5,7,3'4'-tetramethyl ether-3-acetate, 5,7,3',4'-tetramethylether (3-hydroxy-5,7,3',4'-tetramethoxyflavone), and mixtures thereof.--

--25. (Newly added) A composition for reducing apolipoprotein B production comprising an apolipoprotein B reducing amount of a polymethoxyflavone selected from the group consisting of sinensetin, tetra-O-methyl-scutellarein, 5-desmethylinensetin, and mixtures thereof.--

--26. (Newly added) The method of claim 23 wherein said polymethoxyflavone is 5-desmethylinensetin.--

--27. (Newly added) The composition of claim 25 wherein said polymethoxyflavone is 5-desmethylinensetin.

--28. (Newly added) A composition for reducing apolipoprotein B production comprising and apolipoprotein B reducing amount of a polymethoxyflavone selected from the group consisting of 5-desmethylnobiletin (5-hydroxy-7,7,8,3',4'-pentamethoxyflavone), tetra-O-methylisoscutearein (5,7,8,4'-tetramethoxyflavone), sinensetin (5,6,7,3',4'-[pentamethoxyflavone), 5-desmethylsinensetin (5-hydroxy-6,7,3',4'-tetramethoxyflavone), quercetin tetramethylether (5-hydroxy-3,7,3',4'-tetramethoxyflavone), quercetin-3,5-dimethylether-7,3',4'-tribenzyl ether, quercetin pentamethylether (3,5,7,3',4'-pentamethoxyflavone), quercetin-5,7,3',4'-tetramethyl ether-3-acetate, 5,7,3',4'-tetramethylether (3-hydroxy-5,7,3',4'-tetramethoxyflavone), and mixtures thereof.--